CONSTITUTIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS

(Terms Expire January 1, 2003)

Governor

JOHN M. ENGLER. Mt. Pleasant

Lieutenant Governor

RICHARD POSTHUMUS. Alto

Secretary of State

CANDICE S. MILLER, Lansing

Attorney General

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM. Northville

APPOINTED OFFICERS

State Treasurer

DOUGLAS B. ROBERTS,1 Lansing

Superintendent of Public Instruction

THOMAS D. WATKINS, JR., 2 Lansing

¹ Appointed State Treasurer by Governor John M. Engler, effective May 1, 2001.

² Appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction by the State Board of Education effective April 30, 2001.



JOHN M. ENGLER, GOVERNOR DICK POSTHUMUS, LT. GOVERNOR

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As Michigan's chief executive officer, the **governor** is responsible for making state government more accountable to taxpayers and more effective in meeting the needs of our citizens. The governor sets overall policy direction for the executive branch, appoints most department directors and members of state boards and commissions, recommends the state budget to the legislature, and has numerous other responsibilities outlined by the Constitution of 1963 and state statutes.

The Executive Office includes six divisions and support staff that help both the governor and lieutenant governor serve the public, manage state government, develop policy, and implement new initiatives. The *Legislative Affairs Division* is responsible for working with the legislature to develop and pass bills necessary to implement the governor's agenda. The **State Government** Affairs Division works with the departments and interested citizens and groups in developing new policy initiatives and advises the governor regarding a wide range of policy issues. The **Communications Division** is responsible for media relations and for providing the public with news about state government. The *Legal Division* advises the governor on legal questions and works closely with the Office of Regulatory Reform to streamline regulations and eliminate unnecessary rules. The **Public Affairs Division** is responsible for outreach to citizens, community groups, and job providers to promote cooperation, provide issue information and solve problems.

The External Affairs Division includes two offices that give Michigan citizens access to government and the ability to affect public policy. The Constituent Services Office reviews, distributes and coordinates responses to citizen mail and casework. The Appointments Office makes recommendations to the governor for appointments to boards, commissions, and administrative positions.

The governor's Southeast Michigan Office serves as liaison to constituents and elected officials in southeast Michigan. Likewise, the Northern Michigan Office serves the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula. The Washington Office represents Michigan's interests to Congress and the President and advises the governor on important national issues.

The **lieutenant governor** performs gubernatorial functions in the governor's absence; presides over the state senate; provides a tie-breaking vote in the senate; serves as a member of the State Administrative Board; and represents the governor and the state at selected local, state, and national meetings. The lieutenant governor heads a number of Executive Office task forces, commissions, and committees; assists the governor in formulating and implementing state policies and programs; and assists the Executive Office in working with the public and with other government agencies.



GOVERNOR JOHN M. ENGLER

Republican, of Mt. Pleasant; born October 12, 1948, in Mt. Pleasant; raised in Beal City; wife, Michelle (DeMunbrun), an attorney; three daughters (Margaret, Hannah, Madeleine), born November 13, 1994; Beal City High School, 1966; Michigan State University, B.S. in agricultural economics, 1971; Cooley Law School, J.D., 1981; served in the Michigan House of Representatives, 1970-1978; elected to the Michigan Senate in 1978; served as Senate Republican Leader, 1983, and Senate Majority Leader, 1984-1990; became Michigan's 46th governor on January 1, 1991; re-elected in 1994 and 1998; the nation's longest serving governor, bold advocate of the "Taxpayer's Agenda" to cut taxes, improve public schools, reform welfare, create jobs, fight crime, reform and rightsize government, improve Michigan's business climate and conserve the state's natural resources; the nation's leading advocate for federalism, returning power and authority to the states and the people; under Governor Engler's leadership, Michigan's economy has boomed with employment reaching record highs and unemployment dropping to the lowest level on record; created state-of-the-art economic development and workforce training agencies that helped Michigan earn the Governors' Cup for most new factories and expansion projects an unprecedented four years in a row; signed more than 30 tax cuts that have reduced the state tax burden by well over \$5 billion annually; approved plans to invest \$1 billion to create the Michigan Life Sciences Corridor; strengthened families by requiring work and responsibility, reduced welfare caseloads to levels not seen since the 1960s; launched landmark Project Zero initiative to engage communities in efforts to help every family earn income and achieve independence; instrumental in passage of Proposal A in 1994 to break a 20-year deadlock, cut property taxes and fund schools fairly; promoted technology in education, including laptop computers for every teacher and the state's first virtual university; led Michigan in becoming the first state to engage an independent auditor to evaluate and report on public school performance; implemented the Michigan Merit Award scholarship for students who pass their high school proficiency tests; helped Michigan become a national leader in creating charter public schools; spearheaded major initiative to fix Detroit's public schools; signed more than 300 anti-crime bills, including the nation's toughest juvenile justice laws; proposed and helped pass the successful Clean Michigan Initiative to improve water quality, prevention pollution and clean up contaminated sites; approved common sense environmental reforms that made Michigan America's number one state for brownfield redevelopment; successfully fought for more than \$300 million in additional federal funding to rebuild and repair Michigan's roads, bridges, and highways; began the e-Michigan initiative to provide citizens with convenient and efficient online government services; created the Office of Regulatory Reform to review and streamline state rules and regulations; reorganized and restructured dozens of state agencies and departments, trimming government payrolls by more than 10 percent; chairman of the National Governors' Association (NGA); past chairman of the NGA Center for Best Practices; former chairman and current member of the Republican Governors Association, Council of Great Lakes Governors and National Education Goals Panel; recipient of honorary degrees from Alma College, Ferris State University, Michigan State University, Oakland Community College, Schoolcraft College, the University of Michigan, Wayne State University School of Law and Western Michigan University; received the American Legislative Exchange Council Thomas Jefferson Freedom Award; Police Officers Association of Michigan Man of the Year; The Detroit News Michiganian of the Year; Michigan Association of Broadcasters Citizen of the Year; member of the Knights of Columbus and the Michigan Farm Bureau; Roman Catholic.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR **DICK POSTHUMUS**

Republican, of Alto; born July 19, 1950, at Hastings; graduate, Caledonia High School, 1968; B.S., agricultural economics and public affairs management, Michigan State University; married Pamela Bartz in 1972; children: Krista, Lisa, Heather, and Bryan; member, Hope Church of the Brethren; elected Lieutenant Governor of Michigan in 1998 as Governor John Engler's running mate; first elected to the Michigan Senate in 1982 and reelected in 1986, 1990, and 1994; served as Senate Majority Leader, 1991-1998; Director of Constituent Relations, House Republican Office, 1979-1982; director, Program Development and Research, House Republican Office, 1979; third vice chairman, Michigan Republican State Central Committee, 1971-1973; farmer; executive vice president, Michigan Beef Industry Commission, 1974-1979; member, Advisory Committee, National Livestock and Meat Board, 1977-1978; executive vice president, Growers' Division, Farmers' and Manufacturers' Beet Sugar Association, 1972-1974; president, Michigan Association of FFA, 1968-1969; board of directors, State Legislative Leaders Foundation; Senate Fiscal Agency Board of Directors; member, Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity of MSU; named Michigan Association of Professions Legislator of the Year, 1986; recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Jordan College, Honorary Doctor of Political Science from Northern Michigan University, and an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Grand Valley State University; 2001 Outstanding Alumni for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Michigan State University.



SECRETARY OF STATE CANDICE S. MILLER

Candice S. Miller was elected Michigan's 40th Secretary of State in 1994 and reelected in November 1998, receiving more votes than any candidate for statewide office in Michigan history. She is the first woman to serve as Michigan Secretary of State, and in that capacity serves as the state's Chief Motor Vehicle Administrator, Chief Elections Officer and Keeper of the Great Seal. She is second in line of succession to the Governor and acts in that capacity whenever both the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor are out of state. Candice Miller began her public service career in 1979 when she was elected Harrison Township Trustee. In 1980 she was elected Harrison Township Supervisor, becoming the township's youngest chief executive, and first woman to hold that post. After being elected two more terms as supervisor, she was elected Macomb County Treasurer in 1992. As Secretary of State, she has made customer service the operative phrase of her administration. She reengineered the statewide branch office network to streamline operations, emphasizing customer service and using technology to give customers new options for transacting business. Among the highlights of her tenure is license plate renewal by Internet and touchtone telephone, Michigan's new driver license and wide selection of license plate options, including fundraising license plates that benefit important causes and Michigan's state-supported universities. Secretary Miller's commitment to traffic safety has resulted in a graduated licensing program for young drivers and repeat offender laws that target drivers who continue to drive drunk, or on a suspended or revoked license. Secretary Miller has also applied innovation and technology to enhance Michigan's election process and to establish a nationally recognized organ and tissue donor program. Secretary Miller serves as a member of the State Administrative Board, chairing the Transportation, Natural Resources and Environmental Quality Committee. She is a member of the National Association of Secretaries of State, the Michigan State Safety Commission, the Selfridge Air National Guard Base Community Council, Care House Child Advocacy Center Board, and the Detroit Economic Club. She has received numerous honors including Central Macomb Chamber of Commerce's Economic Excellence Award, an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Cleary College, and the Macomb County Girl Scouts' Woman of Distinction Award. Candice Miller was born in 1954 in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. She attended both Macomb County Community College and Northwood University. She is married to Macomb County Circuit Court Judge Donald G. Miller. They have one daughter, Wendy Nicole.



ATTORNEY GENERAL JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM

Democrat, Jennifer M. Granholm made history when she was selected Michigan's first female attorney general in November 1998. She is the state's first new attorney general in 37 years, following the retirement of Frank J. Kelley. Jennifer Granholm is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and an honors graduate of the Harvard Law School. After graduating from Harvard, she clerked on the Federal Court of Appeals for the Honorable Damon J. Keith. She was a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office and, while there, achieved a 98% conviction rate. In 1994, she became the first woman and the youngest person to be appointed as the Wayne County Corporation Counsel. As the head lawyer for the largest county in the state, her office cut by 87% the amount of money county taxpayers had to pay in defending against lawsuits brought against Wayne County. In 1997, she was recognized for her efforts in Crain's Detroit Business as one of the "Top 40 Under 40." That year, she also received the YWCA's Woman of Achievement Award. In 1998, she was selected as one of the ten "Lawyers of the Year" by Michigan Lawyers Weekly. She has been named Outstanding Michigander by the Michigan Jaycees, and Public Servant of the Year (2000) by the Michigan Chiefs of Police. Jennifer Granholm is married to Dan Mulhern, a Yale University and Harvard Law School graduate. They have three children: Kate, Cecelia and Jack.



STATE TREASURER DOUGLAS B. ROBERTS

Dr. Douglas B. Roberts returned to the position of State Treasurer as of May 1, 2001. As State Treasurer, he directs a department with a broad range of responsibilities. His responsibilities include administration of the state's tax system, all state government banking functions, regulation and oversight of local financial operations, and management of the investment of the state's \$50 billion pension system. In addition to the duties as State Treasurer, he is a Special Policy Advisor to Governor John Engler. Dr. Roberts previously held the position of State Treasurer from January 1991 to November 1998. Beginning his career as a legislative staff aide, Dr. Roberts continued to make meaningful contributions to public policy as he moved between the legislative and executive branches of government. During his 28-year tenure in state government, he has brought his personal integrity to positions as both Deputy Director and Acting Director of the Department of Management and Budget, as Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, as Director of the Senate Fiscal Agency, and as State Treasurer. As an economist, Dr. Roberts received his doctor's and master's degrees from Michigan State University. He received his undergraduate degree in business administration from the University of Maryland. Dr. Roberts played a leading role in developing sweeping school finance reform in Michigan. Under Governor Engler's leadership, Dr. Roberts authored the report Our Kids Deserve Better! which dramatically reformed the way public schools are financed in Michigan. Many of the proposals contained in this report were put into place with the passage of a constitutional amendment in March 1994.



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION THOMAS D. WATKINS, JR.

Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr. serves as Superintendent of Public Instruction. He was appointed to this position by the State Board of Education effective April 30, 2001. Mr. Watkins started his professional career with Youth and Living Services, Inc., now Starfish Human Services, in 1976. There, he established Counterpoint, a shelter that provided emergency housing for troubled youth and counseling for their families. While serving as Acting Executive Director of Wayne (mental health) Center, 1980-1981, and as a management consultant with Plante and Moran, 1981-1982, he was elected to serve on the Wayne County Charter Commission. In 1982, he served as Deputy Campaign Manager in Governor Blanchard's first successful Blanchard for Governor Committee. In 1983, Governor Blanchard named Mr. Watkins to the post of Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor. He served as Deputy Director of Administration in the Michigan Department of Mental Health from 1983-1984. From 1984 through 1986, he served as Chief Deputy Director in the Department of Mental Health. Governor Blanchard appointed Mr. Watkins Director of the Michigan Department of Mental Health in 1987. As Special Assistant to the President for Public School Initiatives at Wayne State University, 1991-1996, Mr. Watkins played a key role in creating Michigan's first charter school. From 1996-2001, Mr. Watkins served as President and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Florida. Concurrently, he served as Executive Director of the Education Partnership of Palm Beach County, 1996-1999. Mr. Watkins received a Master's of Social Work Administration from Wayne State University in 1979, after earning his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice in 1977 from Michigan State University. He is in the process of completing requirements in the Doctoral Program, Education Administration, at Wayne State University. Mr. Watkins has two children, Daniel and Katherine.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



JOHN C. AUSTIN



SHARON L. GIRE



MARIANNE YARED McGUIRE



HERBERT S. MOYER



KATHLEEN N. STRAUS



MICHAEL DAVID WARREN, JR.



EILEEN L. WEISER



SHARON A. WISE

<i>Members</i>	Term expires
KATHLEEN N. STRAUS, President, Detroit	Jan. 1, 2009
SHARON L. GIRE, Vice President, Clinton Township	Jan. 1, 2007
MICHAEL DAVID WARREN, JR., Secretary, Beverly Hills	Jan 1, 2003
EILEEN LAPPIN WEISER, Treasurer, Ann Arbor	Jan. 1, 2007
JOHN C. AUSTIN, Fenton	Jan. 1, 2009
MARIANNE YARED McGuire, NASBE Delegate, Detroit	Jan. 1, 2005
HERBERT S. MOYER, Temperance	Jan. 1, 2005
SHARON A. WISE, Owosso	Jan. 1, 2003

ex officio

JOHN M. ENGLER, Governor THOMAS D. WATKINS, JR., Superintendent of Public Instruction

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Members

The 8 voting members of the Michigan State Board of Education are elected at-large on the partisan statewide ballot for 8-year terms. Two are elected every 2 years in the general election. In addition, there are 2 nonvoting, ex officio members — the governor and the state superintendent of public instruction, who is chairman of the board. Any vacancies on the board which occur between elections are filled through appointment by the governor for the remainder of the term.

The state board elects its own officers for 2-year terms. It also selects and appoints the state superintendent of public instruction, who administers the Michigan Department of Education.

The state board of education is at the core of an unusual state education system which seeks to carry out Michigan's long tradition of local control balanced against the overall needs of the people statewide.

Historical Background

The Northwest Ordinance in 1787 encouraged schools and the means of education.

In 1809, nearly 3 decades before statehood, Michigan territorial law directed each judicial district to start schools and collect a tax for them. The territorial council made it mandatory in 1829 to divide the townships into school districts and gave the state the right to inspect and supervise schools and to set the length of time each would be open.

Michigan's first constitution, in 1835, created the office of superintendent of public instruction. John D. Pierce, a New England clergyman who had come to Michigan as a frontier missionary, was named the first superintendent, becoming the first independent administrator of education under a state constitution in the United States.

Michigan became a state in 1837 and adopted a new constitution in 1850 which formalized the state board of education as a **constitutional body**. The state board of education was created by the Michigan Legislature in 1849 to administer what is now Eastern Michigan University. Many duties were extended to the board over the years, but the current responsibilities were established in the 1963 state constitution.

Constitutional Powers

The state constitution provides:

Leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except as to institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees, is vested in a state board of education. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith.

Const. 1963, art. VIII, sec. 3 (in part)

The state board of education exercises its constitutional duties of leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except for institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees. The state board advises the legislature on the financial requirements of baccalaureate degree granting institutions.

The state board of education has many direct supervisory duties in connection with local school districts and community colleges and indirect coordinating duties in connection with the 4-year state colleges and universities.

Among its several duties, the state board of education distributes state funds to local school districts; examines and in some cases approves, construction and financial plans of local districts; reimburses schools for certain programs such as school lunches, bus transportation, and remedial and special education; administers federal aid programs; and provides student financial aid. In addition, the state board appoints advisory councils and committees from the education community and general public to investigate, review, or make recommendations.